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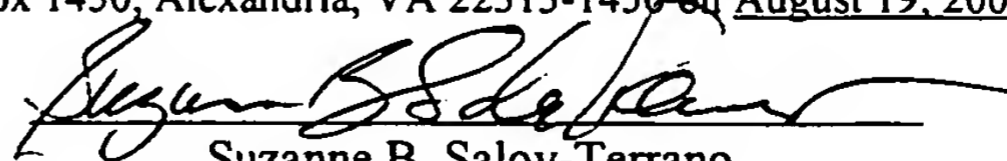
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2008 ("Office Action"), which set a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before August 22, 2008, and petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (37 C.F.R. 1.7, 1.8 and 1.17.) It is believed that this response does not occasion any additional fees or extensions of time, but should there be any need for such an extension of time please treat this paper as such and charge (or credit) any extension fees, or any additional fees that may be due herein, to Deposit Account No. 04-1121. The amendment to the claims begins on page 2; and the Remarks begin on page 6.

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